

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 22, 2007

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write to urge you to quickly implement two sections of the Energy Policy Act (EPACT) of 2005 (PL 109-58) that would be of benefit to our country and to those of us in Congress as we are faced with decisions on how to be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.

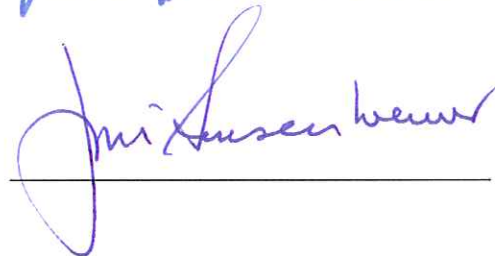
Section 1001, Improved Technology Transfer of Energy Technologies directs you to appoint a Technology Transfer Coordinator and a Technology Transfer Working Group. We feel that the Technology Transfer Coordinator and Working Group will provide a valuable role in addressing the problem of developed technologies not reaching the marketplace. Generally referred to as the "valley of death", this has historically been a problem for the research performed at the Department of Energy (DOE). It is important to our country's energy independence and energy supply that valuable research has every opportunity to become commercialized.

In addition, we ask that you complete the study mandated in Section 1821 of EPACT, the Study of Best Management Practices for Energy Research and Development Programs. In particular our interest lies in the part of the study that looks at the applicability of the management practices used by the Department of Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to research programs at the DOE and the advisability of creating an agency within the DOE modeled after DARPA. As you know, the Committee on Science and Technology looks to mark up H.R. 364, to Provide for the Establishment of the Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy, and we would find it beneficial to have the National Academy of Public Administration's recommendation as the bill moves forward in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.

We appreciate the many demands that are placed on you and the DOE, however we do feel strongly about the potential for success that would result from fully implementing these sections.

Sincerely,

  
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